

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I (claims 1-7) (in part), 8-10, drawn to a method for adjusting a particle size of retinoic acid nanoparticles comprising micelles of retinoic acid coated with calcium carbonate and having an average particle size of 5-300 nm. Group I, as it is the first claimed invention under lack of unity rules, includes the first product made. Therefore, Group I also includes claims 11 (in part) and 12-13;

Group II (claims 1-7) (in part), drawn to a method for adjusting a particle size of retinoic acid nanoparticles comprising micelles of retinoic acid coated with zinc carbonate and having an average particle size of 5-300 nm; and

Group III (claims 1-7) (in part), drawn to a method for adjusting a particle size of retinoic acid nanoparticles comprising micelles of retinoic acid coated with calcium phosphate and having an average particle size of 5-300 nm.

Group IV (claims 11) (in part), 14, drawn to zinc carbonate-coated nanoparticles having an average particle size of 5-300 nm and comprising retinoic acid micelles coated with zinc carbonate.

Group V (claims 11) (in part), 15, calcium phosphate-coated nanoparticles having an average particle size of 5-300 nm and comprising retinoic acid micelles coated with calcium phosphate.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, which includes claims 1-7 (in part), 8-10, 11 (in part), and 12-13 without traverse. Claims 14-15 were withdrawn pending the approval of a generic claim.

Amendments

Claims 1-13 were amended. Table 1 on page 18 of the specifications, as originally filed, supports these amendments.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3195.

Respectfully submitted,

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